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SUBJECT: AMERICAN EMBASSY KINGSTON MOVE TO NEW CHANCERY

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1. REFTEL A RELATES OUR CONCERN OVER DELAY IN COMPLETION OF COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN NEW CHANCERY WITH CONSEQUENT POTENTIAL DELAY IN MOVE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY APRIL, 1977. WE REQUESTED EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE MEANS TO SPEED UP ABOVE SCHEDULE. REFTEL B INDICATED DEPARTMENT SHARES OUR CONCERN.

2. ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION DOES OCCUR TO US. IF PRESENT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS FOLLOWED, OUTER VAULT WILL BE COMPLETED SOMETIME DURING NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER, WHILE ALL CARPETING, PARTITIONING, ETC., CAN BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1977. IN OTHER WORDS, NEW CHANCERY CAN BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY IN JANUARY EXCEPT FOR COMPLETION OF WORK WITHIN THE COMMUNICATION CENTER ITSELF.

3. TWO SEABEES ALREADY HERE TO SUPERVISE OUTER VAULT CONSTRUCTION BUT WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR COVERAGE WHICH BECOMES ESSENTIAL EARLY DURING VAULT CONSTRUCTION, AND MOST CERTAINLY WILL BE NECESSARY ON COMPLETION OF VAULT AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF PARTITIONING, TELEPHONE INSTALLATION, ETC. FROM SOMETIME DURING OCTOBER ONWARD, WE WILL REQUIRE

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TDY MARINE SECURITY GUARDS TO SUPPLEMENT OUR PRESENT DETACHMENT

IN ORDER PROVIDE 24-HOUR COVERAGE FOR BOTH PRESENT AND NEW  
CHANCERY.

4. MSG DETACHMENT PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED SEVEN POSITIONS (NCOIC  
AND SIX WATCHSTANDERS), HOWEVER ACTUAL ON-BOARD STRENGTH IS  
FOUR WATCHSTANDERS AND NCOIC. COVERAGE BOTH CHANCERY BUILDINGS  
WILL REQUIRE TOTAL 11 MARINES (EXCLUDING NCOIC) WHILE  
SEABEES REMAIN HERE, AND 12 THEREAFTER, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS PRESENT  
CHANCERY COMPLETELY CLOSED DOWN, AND ALL OFFICERS AND STAFF  
RELOCATED.

5. IN ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE PROPOSE TRANSFER ALL OFFICES  
AND STAFF FROM PRESENT CHANCERY TO NEW BUILDING DURING JANUARY,  
WITH EXCEPTION OF COMMUNICATION CENTER WHICH WOULD REMAIN  
IN OLD CHANCERY PENDING COMPLETION OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS CENTER  
FACILITY. DURING THIS INTERIM PERIOD, ALL CLASSIFIED MESSAGE  
TRAFFIC BETWEEN TWO BUILDINGS WOULD BE HANDLED BY  
MSG-ESCORTED COURIER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS.

6. IN CONNECTION WITH THESE PROPOSALS, OC ANDIG HAVE RECOMMENDED,  
AND WE CONCUR, THAT A TELETYPEWRITER SYSTEM BE INSTALLED,  
WITH A TAPE-CUTTING CAPABILITY FOR HANDLING OF UNCLASSIFIED  
NON-SENSITIVE MESSAGES. USING THIS CONCEPT, IS IT POSSIBLE  
TO INSTITUTE THE CAPABILITY BETWEEN TWO BUILDINGS? AN  
ADDITION TO OUR CURRENT FSLE STAFF WOULD BE NECESSARY TO  
TO IMPLEMENT THIS ARRANGEMENT.

7. DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT ON FOREGOING  
URGENTLY REQUESTED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.  
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